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Dear Sir

The seeds & other light articles which you entrusted to me for your friends in Albemarle were safely delivered. Your mother returned from Georgia in good health a little before I left Monticello. the horns, which I could not take on with me, were packed in one of 25 boxes, barrels, &c. which I sent round by water. The vessel was stranded, and every thing lost which water could injure. The others I am told are saved, & consequently the horns.

They have not yet however got to Richmond. I brought with me from Monticello Mr. Randolph's & my daughter's watches, which I have forwarded on to Mr. Voight, being too valuable to be trusted to a common hand. It is important I should recieve these & my own before I leave this in July for Monticello. Mr. Gallatin will be in Philadelphia on his return to this place 3 weeks hence. Mr. Briggs will be returning from there in about the same time. Each of them have promised to bring one watch if ready, and by yourself I shall hope for the cd, and trust that Mr. Voight will be so obliging as to have them ready, it being difficult to get good opportunities of conveying a watch safely from Philadelphia to this place. Mr. Randolph has perfectly recovered his health, & all your friends in Albemarle were well. According to Mr. Cole's account we have the hope of seeing you here to the 4th of July. Accept my friendly salutations & assurances of constant affection & respect. Th: Jefferson

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